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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: U.S. BILATERALS WITH WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES

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1. FMG'S ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR NIGERIA AIRWAYS DO NOT NOW INCLUDE SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF LONG-HAUL INTERNATIONAL ROUTES, AND CERTAINLY NOT TO NORTH AMERICA. HEAD OF STATE, AMONG OTHERS, HAS SAID THAT EMPHASIS FOR 1975-80 PERIOD WILL BE ON EXPANSION OF DOMESTIC AND WEST AFRICAN ROUTES. REPORTS ARE THAT NIGERIA AIRWAYS HAS ORDERED FIVE FOKKER F-28'S FOR THIS PURPOSE, TO BE DELIVERED OVER TWO-YEAR PERIOD, AND THAT AN ADDITIONAL TWO SHORT/MEDIUM HAUL AIRCRAFT WILL BE ACQUIRED BEFORE END OF 1975-80 PLAN PERIOD.

2. HOWEVER, FMG HAS BEEN KNOWN BEFORE TO DEVIATE FROM PREPARED PLANS AND POSSIBILITY OF DECISION TO PURSUE LAGOS-NEW YORK ROUTE FOR NIGERIA AIRWAYS CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. THIS IN FACT APPEARS TO BE AN IDEA THAT COMES UNDER CONSIDERATION

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FROM TIME TO TIME; WE OCCASIONALLY HEAR RUMORS OF NIGERIA

AIRWAYS' INTENTION TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL LONG HAUL JET AIRCRAFT.

3. IF U.S. OPENS DOOR TO BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES, WE SUGGEST THAT POSSIBLE REACTIONS IN NIGERIA SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED. FMG MIGHT WELL CONCLUDE THAT ON PRESTIGE GROUNDS ALONE IT SHOULD SEEK COMPARABLE TREATMENT, AND/OR THAT ALTHOUGH ITS CURRENT PLANS FOR NIGERIA AIRWAYS DO NOT INCLUDE DIRECT SERVICE TO U.S., OPENING UP OF U.S. BILATERALS POLICY TO WEST AFRICA WOULD OFFER OPPORTUNITY PROVIDE NOW FOR LATER EXPANSION NIGERIA AIRWAYS' HORIZONS.  
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